MINUTES

OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

MEADOW CREEK CHURCH

Locust, North Carolina
September 14, 15, 16

1990

Next session convenes with
Pleasant Hill Church
Near Asheboro, N.C.

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Proceedings

Of The 158th Annual Session Of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Friday, September 14, 1990

The association met with Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Locust, North Carolina at 10:30 a.m. and joined in songs of praise after which Elder F.W. Stack led in prayer and Elder Paul Stroupe, pastor of Meadow Creek Church delivered the introductory sermon. His text was Job 13:20-21.

After a time for refreshments and fellowship, the association opened with prayer by Elder E. W. Hooven and convened for business. Elder Paul Stroupe served as moderator, Brother Marshall Gaskey served as clerk and Brother Ken Austin was called to serve as assistant clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches of the association which were read by Elder Newell Helms and Elder Rommie Williams and their status noted.

MEADOW CREEK: Represented by entire membership.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Allen Copple, Gary Robinson, Reid Hunt and Barry Cole.

HIGH HILL: Brethren Edward Pressley, Marion Byrum, Robert Pressley and Dolan Baucom.

PARK VIEW: Brethren Richard McGee, Pete Smith, Claude Parnell and Ned Willard.

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Vernon Medlin, Kim Honeycutt, Buren Medlin and Charlie Hatley.

PLEASANT GROVE: Brethren Harold Williams, Clayton Griffin, Dave Smith and James Little.

UNION GROVE: Brethren Jay Buckley, Ken Austin, Barry Helms and Marion Martin.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren Artis Medlin, Tim Honeycutt, Jerry Vanhoy and Mac Miller.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Brethren Wilson Greene, Tommy Marsh, Teddy Stewart and Mike Helms.

CROOKED CREEK: Brethren Maurice Broadway, Jerry Honeycutt, W. T. Broadway and Tommy Hinson.

HIGH POINT: Brethren Lindsay Allen, Don Bowman, Raymond Hicks and Rufus Strickland.

BETHEL: Brethren Scott McLamb, Robert Turner, W. C. Mintz, Jr. and Douglas McLamb.

CORINTH: Brethren Dick Styers, Jennings Hough, Jim Briscoe and Elder Richard Styers.

HERRIN'S GROVE: No correspondence.

JERUSALEM: No correspondence.

There was a motion and second that Herrin's Grove Church and Jerusalem Church be dropped from the association due to lack of correspondence for the past five years. The motion passed unanimously.

MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren Reed Shue, Warren Griffin, Joe Allman and Howard Little.

NEW HOPE: Brethren Sam Campbell, C. R. Smith, Edsel Thomas and Sister Eugenia Campbell.

OAK GROVE: No representation.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None were presented.

4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

PREACHING COMMITTEE: Elder Roy Speir, Elder Joe Helms, Elder F. W. Stack, Brother Edward Pressley, Brother Richard McGee and Brother Vernon Medlin.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Elder Larry Austin, Elder Rommie Williams, Elder Rom Kerley, Brother Clayton Griffin, Brother Barry Helms and Brother Wilson Greene.

5. Called for presbytery reports:

At the request of Liberty Hill Primitive Baptist Church the following Elders and deacons formed a presbytery on December 1, 1989 and ordained Brother Kim Honeycutt and Brother Buren Medlin to the office of deacon:

Elders: Rom Kerley, Larry Austin, Roy Speir, Joe C. Helms, Paul Stroupe, E. W. Hooven, Rommie Williams and Newell Helms.

Deacons: Hobart Medlin, Charlie Hatley, Reece Eury, Vernon Medlin, Aaron McLamb, W. T. Broadway, Jerry Honeycutt, Howard Edwards, Earl Pressley, Johnny Edwards, Edward Pressley, Dennis Pressley, D. G. Dix, Hal Boldin, Gradon Helms, Orlin Stewart, Truby High, Wilson Greene, Howard Collins, Gene Herrin, Howard Little, Randy Williams, Warren Griffin, Reed Shue, Lane Vanhoy, Tommy Vanhoy, Lynn Huneycutt, Richard McGee, Pete Smith, Melvin Mills, Parks Mullis, Clayton Griffin, Barry Cole, Carl Haigler and Ken Austin.

6. Called for visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder and Sister Seba Clifton, Elder Worth Stephenson, Brother and Sister Coleman Strickland, Brother Kenneth Stephenson, Brother Dwight Roberts.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: Elder Clyde Meek, Brother Darrell Meek, Sister Mary Meek.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Licentiate Ray Wagner, Brother Danny Cagle.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Brother Quay Johnson, Brother Luther Todd, Brother Charles Johnson.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: Minutes.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY: Elder and Sister Kenneth Robbins, Elder Steve Greene, Brother Clinton Ritter, Brother Lawrence Ritter, Sister Elizabeth Wilmoth, Licentiate Ricky Dorton.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder Gary Cordes, Brother Johnnie Woodley, Brother Delone Cobbs, Brother and Sister Arvid Holmes.

SOUTH ARKANSAS: Minutes.

7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us and gladly received the following:

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION OF WEST VIRGINIA: Elder Franklin Oresta, Licentiate and Sister Sidney Moye.

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA: Elder Rubert Nobles, Sr.

BIG SANDY ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE: Elder and Sister Arnold Childress.

OCLOCKNEE ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA: Elder C. A. Blanton.

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA/ALABAMA: Brother and Sister Bill Allman.

PRINCE WILLIAM ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA: Brother N. W. Terry, Sister Myra Harvey, Sister Emily Brunson.

KETOCTON ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA: Elder and Sister Bill Dillon.

LITTLE CREEK CHURCH (SC): Elder and Sister Charles Crapse.

INDIAN CREEK CHURCH (WV): Elder Thomas Mann, Elder Norvell Mann, Sister Angie Mann.

COLUMBIA CHURCH (MD): Brother and Sister Joseph Mattia.

AFTON ROAD CHURCH (VA): Elder Dan Parker, Sister Mary Griffin, Brother and Sister Harvey Lunsford, Sister Bernice Handy, Sister Etta Jennings.

NORTHVIEW CHURCH: Elder Milton Gunter.

PINE CHURCH: Brother James Williams, Brother and Sister J.Ashburn Williams, Brother and Sister Gernie Badgett, Brother and Sister Bill Williams, Brother and Sister T. E. Rash.
SALISBURY CHURCH: Elder and Sister Wayne Gibbons.
LITTLE FLOCK CHURCH (VA): Elder and Sister Richard Cox.
COMMUNITY CHURCH (VA): Brother O'Bain Hylton.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: (It is understood that any member of our association may represent us at any association.)

LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA, (4th. week-end, Sept.): Elder W. M. Benton, Elder Larry Austin, Elder Roy Speir, Brother Truby High, Brother Joe Myers.
ORIGINAL TOWALIGA, (lst week-end, Sept.): Elder Roy Speir.
FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA, (2nd. week-end, Sept.): Elder Paul Stroupe.
TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY, (2nd. week-end, Sept.): Elder Joe Helms.
ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY, (3rd. week-end, Aug.): Elder Newell Helms, Elder Roy Speir, Brother Truby High, Brother Edward Pressley, Brother Ken Austin.
MT. ZION OF ALABAMA, (2nd. week-end, Sept.): Elder Larry Austin, Brother Richard McGee, Brother Lane Vanhoy, Brother Edward Pressley, Brother Dennis Pressley.
SOUTH ARKANSAS, (3rd, week-end, Sept.): Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder E. W. Hooven was appointed to write the corresponding letter to be approved at our Saturday meeting.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 with the meeting to continue at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center.

Benediction by Elder Larry Austin.

Saturday, September 15, 1990

The association met according to adjournment at 9:30 a.m. at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center. After prayer by Elder F. W. Stack, the business continued as follows:

12. Acknowledged visitors who had arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under items 6 and 7.

13. Called for the report of the finance committee:

Received from the churches	$4,002.
Received from friends	$160.
Total	$4,162.

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.

15. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and approved and ordered embodied in the minutes.

16. Extended invitation for the churches of the association to request fifth Sunday meetings and granted the following:

September 1990	High Hill
December 1990	Crooked Creek
March 1991	Bethel & Lawyer's Spring
June 1991	Mills Chapel

17. Unanimously agreed by move, second and vote to hold the next session of the association with Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1991 and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon.

18. Unanimously agreed to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual and that the clerk superintend same.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in item 18 to the ministers present and any other expenses the finance committee may consider expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed by standing vote to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His loving kindness and mercy and to the members and friends of Meadow Creek Church for their assistance during the meeting. We, also, express our thanks to the Locust VFD for their assistance in traffic control.

Benediction by Elder Rommie Williams

Elder Paul Stroupe, *moderator*
Marshall Gaskey, *clerk*
Ken Austin, *assistant clerk*

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our corresponding associations and to all Primitive Baptists, especially those who love the old paths, and to every heir of promise who will read this record of the Lord's people.

We have been blessed of Almighty God to meet in an associational capacity. Time and space would not be sufficient to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Lord for His merciful providence in granting us the sweet, spirit-filled, spirit-bound fellowship of our fellow brethren in the Lord. We have been blessed to share in your joy of faith and, yes, we have suffered, too, in your trials and tribulations.

In this day when the love of many has waxed cold, we are humbled when we see so many of the Lord's people who have set aside the things of this world and have made individual sacrifices to be with us in the 158th annual meeting of the Original Bear Creek Association. Brethren, we feel unworthy of your fellowship.

Beloved brethren, it is our prayer that God would continue to bless our lives in that we would live for His glory and honor, and if we're blessed to this end, would continue to have the blessed priviledge of fellowship with our precious brethern in the Lord Jesus.

And so blessed Father, bless thy people in this treacherous day to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

May God Bless Zion for His name sake.

In christian love and fellowship
Elder E. W. Hooven

ORDER OF SERVICES

Friday Morning

Prayer: Elder F. W. Stack
Elder Paul Stroupe - Job 13:20-21
Prayer: Elder Rommie Williams

Friday Afternoon

Prayer: Elder Thomas Mann
Elder Charles Crapse - Eph. 1:1
Elder Rubert Nobles - Luke 23:34
Prayer: Elder Paul Stroupe

Friday Night (Meadow Creek Church)

Prayer: Elder Arnold Childress
Elder Clyde Meek - Psalms 34:6-8
Elder Thomas Mann - Gen. 29:31-35
Prayer: Elder Richard Styers

Saturday Morning

Prayer: Elder Seba Clifton
Elder Franklin Oresta - Sol. 2: 1-6
Elder Gary Cordes - Luke 5:3-6
Elder Kenneth Robbins - John 14:1
Prayer: Elder Newell Helms

Saturday Afternoon

Prayer: Lic. Ray Wagner
Elder Dan Parker - Col. 3:1-3
Elder Norvell Mann - Eph. 6:1-3
Elder Milton Gunter - Mark 11:27-29
Prayer: Elder Rom Kerley

Saturday Night (Meadow Creek Church)

Prayer: Elder Paul Stroupe
Elder Arnold Childress - Isa. 12:2-4
Elder C. A. Blanton - Matt 16:15
Prayer: Elder Wayne Gibbons

Saturday Night (Union Grove Church)

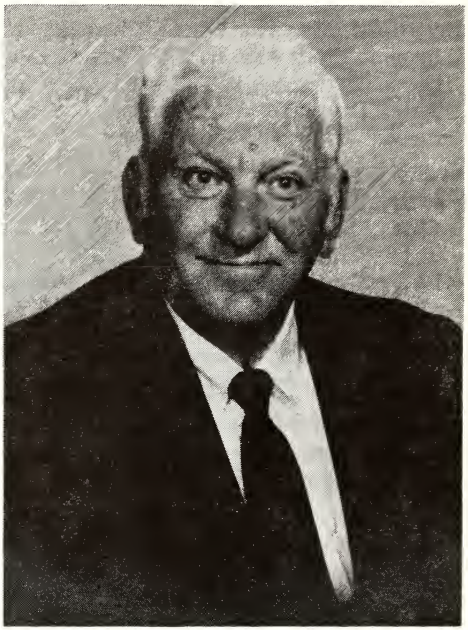
Prayer: Lic. Ricky Dorton
Elder Richard Cox - Isa. 51:1
Elder Steve Greene - Rom. 1:21-24
Prayer: Lic. Sidney Moye

Saturday Night (Lawyer's Spring Church)

Prayer: Elder Worth Stephenson
Lic. Ray Wagner
Elder Bill Dillon
Prayer: Brother Dave Smith

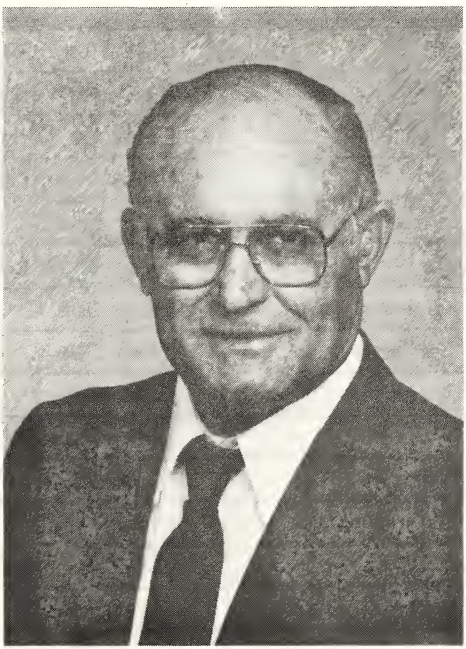
Sunday Morning

Prayer: Lic. Sidney Moye
Elder Steve Greene - John 14:1
Elder Arnold Childress - Isa. 40:1-2
Elder C. A. Blanton - Isa. 33:20
Elder Worth Stephenson - Jer. 50:20-21
Prayer: Elder Joe Helms



ELDER GUY PARKS
1927 - 1989

Elder Parks was blessed with an extraordinary gift and he was a faithful servant. He will long be missed by the churches of the Original Bear Creek Association and others across the nation.



ELDER JAMES McLAMB
1926 - 1990

Elder McLamb was ordained to the ministry in May 1976. He served as pastor of Bethel Church for several years. His labors among the churches were profitable and he was highly esteemed for the truth's sake.

STATISTI

CHURCHES	PASTORS
Pleasant Hill	Elder Roy Speir
High Hill	Elder Newell Helms
Park View	Elder E. W. Hooven
Liberty Hill	Elder Rom Kerley
Pleasant Grove	Elder Joe C. Helms
Union Grove	Elder Newell Helms
Mountain Creek	Elder Joe C. Helms
Lawyer's Spring	Elder Joe C. Helms
Crooked Creek	Elder Larry Austin
High Point	Elder Roy Speir
Meadow Creek	Elder Paul Stroupe
Bethel	Elder W. C. Mintz
Corinth	Elder Richard Kirby
Mills Chapel	Elder Rom Kerley
New Hope	Elder Rommie Williams
Oak Grove	Not currently meeting
	TOTALS

CAL TABLE

Communion Sundays	Rec'd. by baptism	Rec'd. by relation	Rec'd. by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Contributions
3rd June	1						3	42	$ 200.
1st Sept	1	1	2		2	3		80	300.
3rd May	3		3				1	73	325.
1st July						2		88	375.
2nd July							5	50	260.
2nd Aug	1		4				4	166	450.
3rd July				1		1	2	62	415.
1st Aug	5					1	2	63	250.
4th July	1						2	29	125.
4th May								95	300.
1st June	1						1	47	346.
4th June	2					1	2	90	200.
2nd May		1						23	100.
2nd June		3						61	260.
4th Aug							1	15	96.
	15	5	9	1	2	8	23	984	$ 4002.

HOME MINISTERS, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

Elders:

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Rommie Williams, Rt. 3, Marshville, NC 28103 (704)624-5987

Licentiates:

Dwayne Hooven, 2263 Timber Ridge Ct., Kernersville, NC 27284 (919)727-0577

Clerk's Note

This was surely one of the warmest, sweetest and most harmonious meetings we have had in many years. Let us thank God for His abundant blessings.

I express my appreciation to all who have assisted in compiling the minutes. I, truly, love you all.

Ken Austin, assistant clerk

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Elders:

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In Memoriam

We hold sweet the memories of our brethren and sisters who have passed from this life since our last meeting.

BETHEL:	Sister Frankie Davis Elder James McLamb
CROOKED CREEK:	Sister Nannie Baucom Brother Lloyd Braswell
LAWYER'S SPRING	Sister Clarice Horne
MEADOW CREEK:	Sister Angeline Hinson
MOUNTAIN CREEK:	Elder Guy Parks Sister Ruby Medlin
NEW HOPE:	Sister Ada Drake
PARK VIEW:	Brother Reid Venable
PLEASANT GROVE:	Brother Efird Horne Brother Brice Stegall Sister Ruby Hargette Deacon Melvin Mills Sister Blake Curlee
PLEASANT HILL:	Brother Wiley Cole Brother Johnny Woodell Brother Elisha Lucas Brother William D. Lucas
UNION GROVE:	Sister Lou R. Ramey Sister Docie B. Rushing Sister Martha S. Hill Brother R. C. Austin

"And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:27

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Received from the churches	$4,002.
Received from friends	$160.
Total receipts	$4,162.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing, mailing and distribution of minutes and all other clerk' s expenses	$ 600.
Ministers and miscellaneous expense	$3,562.
Total disbursements	$4,162.

CHURCHES MEETING TIMES

BETHEL: 1st Sunday morning; 2nd Sunday morning, 2nd Sunday afternoon; 3rd Sunday morning, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms.

CORINTH: 1st Sunday morning, Elder Williams; 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor.

CROOKED CREEK: 2nd Sunday night, Elder Rom Kerley; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

HIGH HILL: 1st Sunday morning, Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday morning, 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

LAWYER'S SPRING: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Williams.

LIBERTY HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

MEADOW CREEK: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms, 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MILLS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning. Minister by appointment.

NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Joe Helms.

OAK GROVE: Not currently meeting.

PARK VIEW: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Kerley.

PLEASANT HILL: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Hooven.

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BETHEL: Mason H. Anderson, P.O. Box 345, Shallotte, NC 28495

CORINTH: Dick Styers, Box 1191, Kings Mountain, NC 28086

CROOKED CREEK: W. T. Broadway, 309 Rocky River Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079

HIGH HILL: Dennis Pressley, 1117 Tom Boyd Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

HIGH POINT: Raymond Hicks, 2608 Briarcreek Rd., High Point, NC 27265

LAWYER'S SPRING: Ronnie Edwards, 1814 Ridge Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

LIBERTY HILL: Reece Eury, Route 2, Box 90, Oakboro, NC 28129

MEADOW CREEK: Marshall Gaskey, 174 Arlington Ave., SE,Concord, NC 28025

MILLS CHAPEL: Wayne Efird, 2075 Emmanuel Ch. Rd., Rockwell, NC 28138

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Tim Huneycutt, Rt. 3, Box 219, New London, NC 28127

NEW HOPE: Eugenia Campbell, 100 Sam's Rd., Hopkins, SC 29061

OAK GROVE: Gertrude Griggs, Route 1, Chesterfield, SC 29707

PARK VIEW: Dwayne Hooven, 2263 Timber Ridge Ct., Kernersville, NC 27284

PLEASANT GROVE: Clayton Griffin, Route 2, Marshville, NC 28103

PLEASANT HILL: Allen Copple, Route 4, Asheboro, NC 27203

UNION GROVE: Ken Austin, 3930 Old Camden Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

LOCATION OF CHURCHES

BETHEL: Four miles northwest of Calabash, NC, 1/4 mile north of Hickman's Crossroads.

CORINTH: South Sims Street, Kings Mountain, NC, 3 blocks off Highway 74.

CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, NC.

HIGH HILL: Just off Highway 601 North in the suburbs of Monroe, NC, 1/2 mile north of Highway 74.

HIGH POINT: 209 Rock Springs Road, 1 block off the 1500 block of North Main Street, High Point, NC.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Just south of Highway 74 at the underpass in Peachland, NC.

LIBERTY HILL: Ten miles west of Albemarle, NC on Highway 27 near Red Cross.

MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road between Highway 27 West and Highway 200 North near Locust, NC.

MILLS CHAPEL: On China Grove Road just off Lane Street between I-85 and Highway 601-29 in Kannapolis, NC.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Five miles north of Albemarle, NC on Mountain Creek Church Road.

NEW HOPE: Nine miles east of Columbia, SC just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Rd.

OAK GROVE: Nine miles south of Wadesboro, NC just off Highway 742.

PARK VIEW: Just off Sprague Street near Highway 311 in Winston-Salem, NC.

PLEASANT GROVE: 3 1/2 miles north of Marshville, NC, approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on Lawyers Road.

PLEASANT HILL: Approximately 4 miles northwest of Seagrove, NC, south of Asheboro, NC.

UNION GROVE: On Highway 200 North (Morgan Mill Rd.) approximately 4 miles north of Highway 74, Monroe, NC.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subject of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this association is being held, it is under the authority of the hostess church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the church invites the ministers and messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that church shall be the officers of the association, provided the pastor is a member of the association, and if not, the church shall elect any member of the association to preside as moderator. The church may request the help of any member of another sister church to assist in the business transactions of the association.

3. This association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The finance committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the association shall so direct. The body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each church composing this association in the form of a minute.